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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PARATROOP MUTINY: SITREP NO. THIRTY ONE: 3:00 PM

1. DAO OBSERVER REPORTS THAT SANTAREM TANK COLUMN (14 TANKS AND TWO PANHARD ARMORED CARS) ENTERED BEIROLAS ARMS DEPOT AT 2:34 PM. NO RESISTANCE. NO OTHER UNITS ARE VISIBLE. NO CIVILIANS VISIBLE AT BEIROLAS. RALIS, ONE-HALF MILE AWAY, IS TOTALLY EMPTY.

2. ALUSNA CONTACTS HAVE VERIFIED NAVY'S NON-INVOLVEMENT. CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF HAS DECLARED ALLEGIANCE TO CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF. NAVY CHIEF HAS DIRECTED OPERATIONS OF MARINES FROM ALFEITE BASE ON TAGUS SOUTH SHORE TO RESTRICT BRIDGE TRAFFIC FROM SOUTH ACROSS RIVER, AND TO DISLODGE LEFTIST CIVILIAN GROUP FROM LISNAVE SHIPYARD SURROUNDING ARTILLERY UNIT AT ALMADA. SEVERAL SHIPS, LOYAL TO COMMAND, HAVE DEPLOYED ALONG COAST ACCORDING TO ALUSNA CONTACTS.

3. POSSIBLE DISAFFECTION IN SETUBAL: GENERAL STAFF BULLETIN CARRIED BY 2:00 PM NEWS BROADCAST STATED THAT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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OF SETUBAL IS CALLING UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION TO GO TO

INFANTRY REGIMENT 11 WHICH IS LOCATED IN SETUBAL. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ALSO TELLING POPULATION THAT GOVERNMENT BULLETINS CARRIED BY EMISSORA NACIONAL ARE LIES. GENERAL STAFF EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT POPULATION WOULD NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE DUPED INTO IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS. (COMMENT: SETUBAL, TOGETHER WITH ALMADA REGION SOUTH OF TAGUS RIVER, CONTAINS HIGH PROPORTION OF PCP SUPPORTERS. SETUBAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IS DOMINATED BY PCP AND MDP/CDE ELEMENTS.)

4. CASUALTIES FROM COMMANDO/MILITARY POLICE CONFRONTATION: SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT IN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN COMMANDOS AND MILITARY POLICE NEAR PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AT LEAST TWO COMMANDOS (PERHAPS THREE) AND ONE MILITARY POLICEMAN WERE KILLED. MANY WERE WOUNDED. GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ARE ALREADY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT COMMANDOS WERE KILLED WHILE CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNMENT'S ORDERS AGAINST A UNIT WHICH HAD RENEGED ON ITS PROMISE OF LOYALTY. EMBOFF AT SCENE HEARD SEVERAL MILITARY POLICE SAY THAT MPS HAD FIRED FIRST.
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